

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAI'I

STEPHEN ROBERT NEALE YOUNG,
Plaintiff,
v.
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I, *et al.*,
Defendants.

Case No. 20-cv-00231-DKW-RT

**ORDER GRANTING
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS¹**

On August 31, 2020, Plaintiff Stephen Young filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP Application"). Dkt. No. 142.

Federal courts can authorize a person to proceed *in forma pauperis* who submits an affidavit that demonstrates an inability to pay. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).

Here, as of August 31, 2020, Young has made the required showing under Section 1915(a). In the IFP Application, Young states that he has no gross or take-home pay. He further states that he receives \$320 every two weeks in unemployment benefits, about \$12 every 3 months in dividend payments, and he has \$15.01 in a bank account. Young further states that he owns 10 shares of

¹Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c), the Court finds this matter suitable for disposition without a hearing.

stock worth \$1,935 and an autographed photo collection worth approximately \$500. Young further states that he has medical expenses of \$187 a month and he spends between \$100 and \$200 on home “improvements/materials … despite not having to pay rent.” Young further states that he owes student loan debt of over \$150,000. In light of these figures, Young’s current income falls below the poverty threshold identified by the Department of Health and Human Services’ (“HHS”) 2020 Poverty Guidelines. *See* HHS Poverty Guidelines, available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>. In addition, in light of his expenses and debt, Young has insufficient assets to provide security. As a result, the Court GRANTS the IFP Application, Dkt. No. 142.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 3, 2020 at Honolulu, Hawai‘i.



/s/ Derrick K. Watson

Derrick K. Watson
United States District Judge

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